

THE BENEFITS OF ENERGUIDE FOR HOUSES

Peace of mind: You can have confidence in the clear, unbiased information that our technicians provide. They are energy efficiency experts and the program is quality assured by the Government of Canada.

Complete and thorough assessment: Our service combines a set of preliminary questions with a walk-through of your home from basement to attic, a "blower door" test to check air leaks in walls and openings, and computer modelling of your home's specifications.

EnerGuide for Houses is one of the most complete energy use assessments available anywhere.

Understanding your options: The EnerGuide for Houses report and labelling system help you to understand the energy performance of your home and what your options are to improve it.

Planning: The report our technicians provide will help you to plan both long- and short-term repairs and provide a starting point for estimating professional renovations.

EnerGuide - it's a way of life

EnerGuide is the official Government of Canada mark that rates the energy consumption of products for the home, at work and on the road. Look for the EnerGuide label on major household appliances and room air conditioners. You can also find EnerGuide ratings printed on the back of manufacturers' brochures for gas furnaces, heat pumps and central air conditioners. Now many houses and all new vehicles carry the EnerGuide label. A good rating (for the lowest estimated annual fuel cost among new vehicles) is your proof of more efficient energy performance. Read the label and make the energy-efficient choice to help save money and protect the environment.

Start Today!

EnerGuide for Houses is offered in cooperation with professional residential energy efficiency organizations across Canada. Call the EnerGuide for Houses agent in your area today to find out the cost of the evaluation and schedule an appointment. For more information please contact:

The Office of Energy Efficiency

The Office of Energy Efficiency helps Canadians participate in Canada's climate change solution by providing information and easy-to-apply advice about energy efficiency at home, at work and on the road. Call our toll-free line for free publications about energy efficiency and for contact information on the EnerGuide for Houses agent in your area.

Toll-free: 1-800-387-2000

For more information about EnerGuide for Houses or for copies of our energy efficiency publications, please contact:

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Counting on Comfort

Value for money
for your energy-
efficient home

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Call in the experts and get advice you can live with

EnerGuide for Houses is a service that can help you make the right home improvement choices. This service provides you with independent advice on how your home uses energy and where it is being wasted. Your technician will show you how to improve the comfort of your home and cut heating and cooling costs, while at the same time taking care to safeguard your indoor air quality.

EnerGuide for Houses, developed by Natural Resources Canada, helps you to keep your home warm and comfortable while keeping your heating costs down. And these days there's another concern, too – the environment. This is a chance for you to make a difference and be a part of Canada's climate change solution.

WHEN SHOULD YOU USE ENERGUIDE FOR HOUSES?

EnerGuide for Houses will help you if you're concerned about comfort and energy bills or when you're considering any kind of renovation. You can almost always improve both your comfort and your energy use – and the easiest and cheapest time to do this is when you're renovating.

Does your home have comfort problems such as drafts, cold spots and frosted windows?

Find the source of these problems and get information about the different techniques and potential costs to repair them.

Renovating? EnerGuide for Houses technicians use state-of-the-art energy practices and can advise on the best modern techniques and products for the work you are planning to do.

ENERGUIDE FOR HOUSES HELPS YOU:

- Improve the comfort of your home – warmer in winter, cooler in summer and with fewer drafts
- Reduce energy use and cut energy bills
- Make certain your home is adequately ventilated for good indoor air quality
- Plan your home improvements with independent information from an expert
- Compare the energy efficiency of homes you are considering buying



Buying new windows? Get independent advice about the different options for your house and pocketbook, as well as information about correct window installation.

Building an addition? EnerGuide for Houses uses an industry standard "blower door" test which can be used to verify that additions are airtight and built to the energy specifications you have requested.

Upgrading your heating and cooling system?

Energy efficiency improvements can make a difference to the size of heating and cooling system you need. EnerGuide for Houses gives you the information you need to make sure your system is sized properly for your home.

Selling your house? After you've made energy efficiency upgrades and comfort improvements to your home, a revised EnerGuide for Houses label proves it. The label and report show potential buyers how you've made your home the best it can be.

Buying a house? When viewing a home, look for the EnerGuide for Houses label near the electrical panel and compare the energy efficiencies of the different houses you are considering.

HOW DOES ENERGUIDE FOR HOUSES WORK?

EnerGuide for Houses is available across Canada through a network of licensed organizations. You simply call to make an appointment.

EnerGuide for Houses begins with a careful evaluation of your home carried out by a specially trained technician. Using advanced computer software developed by Natural Resources Canada and a "blower door" test to find air leaks, the energy efficiency of your home is analysed. You get a printed report that shows where your energy dollars are being spent and what you can do to improve your home's energy efficiency. EnerGuide for Houses even shows you how much energy each improvement will save.

You also get an EnerGuide for Houses label that shows you how your home compares with others right now and how this will improve once you carry out your energy efficiency upgrades.

Your EnerGuide for Houses technician will review your report with you, explain the details and answer your questions. With your EnerGuide for Houses report in hand you'll be able to plan your home improvements, shop for building products and hire a contractor – all the while knowing what your priorities are.

EnerGuide for Houses is not a pre-purchase home inspection – it deals specifically with energy efficiency. If you are concerned about the general condition of your home, your technician will recommend that you call a home inspector.

